

Application No. Unassigned
Filing Date: April 23, 2001
Docket No. 6512-11-EJF

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
R. SCOTT ET AL.) Examiner: (Anticipated) S. Hon
Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: (Anticipated) 1772
Filed: April 23, 2001)
For: POLYVINYL ALCOHOL)
COMPOSITIONS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is being filed with the application to properly cross-reference the related applications. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title but prior to Line 2, please insert:

"This application is a continuation of application SN 09/221,139 filed on December 24, 1998, which claims priority to French Application SN 98/02983 filed on March 11, 1998."

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IN THE CLAIMS

12. (Amended) Film forming compositions according to claim 11, wherein the sequestering agent or mixture of sequestering agents is selected from ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid or salts thereof or citric acid or salts thereof.

13. (Amended) Film forming compositions according to claim 1 containing additionally plasticizers in a range from about 0 to 40 % based upon the weight of the gelatin.

15. (Amended) Film forming compositions according to claim 1 containing additionally coloring agents in an range from about 0 to 10 % based upon the weight of the cellulose ether.

19. (Amended) Containers for unit dosage forms for agrochemicals, seeds, herbs, foodstuffs, dyestuffs, pharmaceuticals, or flavoring agents produced from the compositions according to claim 1.

23. (Amended) Caplets encapsulated in film forming compositions according to claim 1.

29. (Amended) Use of aqueous gelatin solutions according to claim 26 for the manufacturing of hard capsules in a dip moulding process.

30. (Amended) Manufacturing of hard capsules from aqueous polyvinyl alcohol solutions according to claim 26 in a dip moulding process with conventional hard gelatin capsules process parameters and equipment.

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If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney at (973) 385-7072.

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VERSION OF AMENDMENT WITH MARKINGS
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

12. (Amended) Film forming compositions according to claim 11 14, wherein the sequestering agent or mixture of sequestering agents is selected from ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid or salts thereof or citric acid or salts thereof.

13. (Amended) Film forming compositions according to claims 1 to 12 containing additionally plasticizers in a range from about 0 to 40 % based upon the weight of the gelatin.

15. (Amended) Film forming compositions according to claims 1 to 14 containing additionally coloring agents in an range from about 0 to 10 % based upon the weight of the cellulose either.

19. (Amended) Containers for unit dosage forms for agrochemicals, seeds, herbs, foodstuffs, dyestuffs, pharmaceuticals, or flavoring agents produced from the compositions according to claims 1 to 18.

23. (Amended) Caplets encapsulated in film forming compositions according to claims 1 to 18.

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29. (Amended) Use of aqueous gelatin solutions according to claims

26 to 28 for the manufacturing of hard capsules in a dip moulding process.

30. (Amended) Manufacturing of hard capsules from aqueous polyvinyl alcohol solutions according to claims 26 to 28 in a dip moulding process with conventional hard gelatin capsules process parameters and equipment.